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In Re Application of:

Confirmation No.: 8250

Plourde, Jr.

Group Art Unit: 2182

Serial No.: 10/005,628

Examiner: Peyton, Tammara R.

Filed: December 5, 2001

Docket No.: A-7446 (191920-1130)

For: Disk Driver Cluster Management of Time Shift Buffer with File Allocation Table Structure

# COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Examiner has made statements in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance that may be viewed as an oversimplification of the examination issues, and if taken out of context, could give rise to an improper interpretation of the claims as well as the file history. For these reasons, Applicant provides the following comments to ensure proper interpretation of the claims and history.

While Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the stated reasons for allowance of the claims are indeed valid grounds for allowance, Applicant wishes to clarify for the record that the stated reasons may be viewed as an oversimplification of the issues. Along these lines, first, Applicant does *not* admit that the stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for allowance, and Applicant contends that the allowance and scope of these claims are in fact *not* limited to the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance. Second, each allowed claim has a different combination of elements, which distinguish each claim from the references of record, and consequently, each claim should be analyzed separately for infringement and validity. 35 U.S.C. 288. In other

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words, all of the claims do not stand or fall together, especially and particularly based upon the stated reasons for allowance.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of Applicant's comments herein, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner further clarify the record. Otherwise, it should be assumed that the above discussion is an accurate characterization of the file history and interpretation of the claims.

Respectfully submitted:

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## REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE

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## Dear Sir:

Please note that the Issue Fee which is due January 19, 2007 was previously paid on May 5, 2006. In a Decision on Petition mailed June 14, 2006, the Patent Office advised that the Issue Fee paid on May 5, 2006 cannot be refunded. A copy of the Decision is attached hereto. It is requested that this amount be applied towards the Issue Fee required by the new Notice of Allowance. A copy of the Monthly Statement of Deposit Account with amounted noted is also attached, as well as the Issue Fee Transmittal.

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed, June 6, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on May 5, 2006 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2182 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the concurrently filed Information Disclosure Statement.

Irvin Dingle
Petitions Examiner
Office of Petitions

The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above. Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).



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